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I am writing to urge you to please grant petition 98P-0151/CP1, to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals.

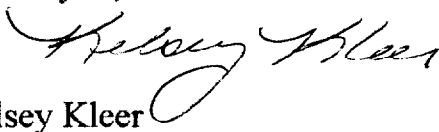
It is appalling that the livestock industry does not take better care of these animals in the first place. To reward them by allowing sick or injured animals to enter the food chain is an abomination.

The literature I have read indicates the process for moving downed animals is monstrous and barbaric. They are dragged with chains or pushed with tractors causing further injuries. This is pure abuse. These animals, that provide us with nourishment, deserve far better treatment.

If the issue of the animals' welfare is not enough, what of the risk of human consumption? These downed animals pose a risk for bacterial contamination of the meat we eat. This risk can not be tolerated, it can prove deadly.

Once again please grant petition 98P-0151/CP1.

Thank you,

  
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